that the State's share of funds under different programmes of DRDA are not released by the State Government of Assam to the DRDA in the entire districts of the States.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have issued instructions to the State Government for releasing the State's share of funds to the various Districts of Assam under different DRDA schemes.

No electricity and roads in Swarna Jayanti Goan, Dhhasi

†3589. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Swarna Jayanti Goan' Dhhasi, Pattitalla Dhangu, Pauri Garhwal (Uttaranchal) falling under the 'Vikas Khand-Yamkeshwar' has not been provided with electricity and roads facilities so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Public Works Department Lansidown had sent a concrete plan with regard to connecting "Swarna Jayanti Goan" Dhhasi with main road a year ago;

(c) if so, the details thereof including action initiated in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government of Uttaranchal have reported that the said village has not yet been electrified because it is located far from the nearest Electricity line, inside dense forest. The preliminary estimate for providing road connectivity to the village at an estimated cost of Rs. 85 lakhs has been prepared.

Misutilisation of JRY funds by Gram Pradhan

3590. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated under JRY are being misused by

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the Gram Pradhan of Gram Sabha Gajeli, Patti-Chalansiyon, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is no proper monitoring of the projects undertaken by the State Government Officials;

(c) if so, the action taken to recover the funds; and

(d) the action being undertaken against the officials responsible for wrong monitoring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) No complaint regarding misappropriation of JRY funds by the Gram Pradhan, Gajeli, Patti-Chalansiyon, District-Pauri Garhwal has been received.

(b) to (d) The erstwhile Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) has been restructured and renamed as Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and is under implementation w.e.f. 1.4.99. As per the JGSY Guidelines, the Central Government is responsible for policy formulation, release of Central share of funds, issuing of Guidelines, whereas the State Government is responsible for its implementation, release of State share and taking corrective and remedial measures in case of problems being faced in the implementation of the programme. Any complaints relating to the implementation is forwarded to the State Government concerned for taking necessary action under intimation to the Ministry.

Old age pension to senior citizens

3591. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that old age pension is being denied to many of the senior citizens in the country;